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MISSOURI CITY NEWSLETTER



MCTX FIGHTING THE PANDEMIC

As medical experts and officials across the globe work to combat COVID-19, the City's elected officials and staff are working even more closely with regional partners to ensure the safety of the community.

Officials encourage even fully vaccinated individuals to be cautious and continue to follow CDC guidelines for wearing masks, social distancing and other health protocols.

City offices are now open to the public with a City Council approved

policy in place that requires staff and visitors to follow the CDC guidelines and any recommendations put forth by Dr. Joe Anzaldúa, Local Health Authority.

To keep the community informed, City officials and staff have been coordinating monthly news conferences featuring the latest updates on vaccinations, testing sites, public health safety guidelines and positive Coronavirus cases in the region. Follow the official communication outlets to stay connected.



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS: START PLANNING TO BE READY

MCTX is prepared to weather any emergency as the City showed during the February winter storm. With the start of the 2021 Hurricane Season only weeks away, emergency management officials said now is the time to develop a plan to safeguard your families, homes and businesses.

Review important tips on page 8



FY 2022 BUDGET

Planning for the **Fiscal Year 2022** financial document is under way and staff is conducting an in-depth review of programs, services, expenditures, revenues and resources across all departments. **As part of the City Council-City Manager priorities, staff is focusing on economic development/redevelopment citywide, public safety, internal fiscal controls and infrastructure repairs and enhancements.**

The FY 2022 Proposed Budget will be presented to City Council on August 20, 2021 with a public hearing on the approval and adoption scheduled for September 20, 2021. The process will conclude with a property tax rate hearing and adoption of the tax rate scheduled for September 20, 2021.

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COUNCIL CONNECTION



From left, Councilmember Floyd Emery, Councilmember Jeffrey L. Boney, Councilmember Lynn Clouser, Mayor Robin J. Elackatt, Mayor Pro Tem and District C Councilmember Anthony Maroulis, Councilmember Vashaundra Edwards and Councilmember Cheryl Sterling.

Members are engaged on an ongoing basis in strategic initiatives citywide, including planning retreats, official meetings, distributions/drive-thrus, public input workshops, groundbreakings, special Missouri City Television programming, news conferences on COVID-19 and the severe winter weather emergency and public outreach programs.

MCTX CITY COUNCIL

Robin J. Elackatt
Mayor

Vashaundra Edwards
At-Large Position #1

Lynn Clouser
At-Large Position #2

Dr. Cheryl Sterling
District A

Jeffrey L. Boney
District B

Anthony Maroulis
Mayor Pro Tem/District C

Floyd Emery
District D

CITY ADMINISTRATION

Interim City Manager Bill Atkinson
Asst. City Manager Glen A. Martel



NOTE: City Council voted 5-2 during the Monday, April 26 Special Virtual Meeting to terminate the employment of former City Manager Odis Jones.

Councilmembers also voted (5-0; 2 members were not present) to appoint Assistant City Manager Bill Atkinson as Interim City Manager. Atkinson has served in the role for 14 years.

Additionally, Councilmembers authorized staff to take the necessary steps to move forward with a City Manager search.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

1 Help keep storm water sewer systems free of lawn clippings, pet waste and debris. Please remind landscapers that it's against City ordinance to put pollutants in drains. And, individuals or yard crews should not blow clippings or leaves into the streets or in gutters.



2 Residents and businesses pay \$50 per year to register alarm systems. City ordinance does not allow permits to be transferred to another person or premises. Permits are valid for a 12-month period from the date they are issued, and holders are given 30 days notice of the expiration date and the need for renewal. To renew permits or obtain a new one, call 281.403.8643; pay online by going to the City website and clicking "Online Payments"; or mail a completed application to: City of Missouri City, Attn: Alarm Permitting, 1522 Texas Pkwy., Missouri City, TX 77489.

3 All garbage, trash or yard waste can be placed on the curb at 6 p.m. the day before pickup. Empty trash cans must be stored out of public view by midnight the day of pickup.

NOTE: City Council approved 2 ordinances to support local businesses during COVID-19; watch March 15 Regular meeting for details.

4 Walkers and joggers can enjoy the golf course cart paths during these times:
Holes 1 through 9: 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. daily and from 20 minutes after sunset to 11 p.m.; **Holes 10 through 18:** 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. daily and from 20 minutes after sunset to 11 p.m. **Pets are not allowed on the course.**

5 City Code Enforcement Officers are citing residents straight to court for these violations:
• **High grass or weeds, junk cars and dirty pools.**

For a second violation, the following will be cited to court:

• **Trash cans, yard waste or any type of garbage left out in public view, except during allowed times.**

6 City Council approved a sidewalk policy to include the following provisions: Property owners should mitigate the roots of trees/landscaping prior to City repair of sidewalks; the City should not issue citations or liens against property owners to secure mitigation of root problems; and if root problems are not mitigated within 30 days of owners being notified, the sidewalk should be replaced by the City in order of priority based on severity by either edge grinding, slab lifting or with a crushed granite or similar material. The policy also states that in cases of tree root mitigation, if the property owners agree to indemnify the City for any loss, staff will mitigate the root problem and repair the sidewalk.

7 City Council approved a no-smoking ordinance, including electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, that prohibits lighting up in most public places, including restaurants and educational facilities. Smoking is also banned within 20 feet of the playing surface or competition area during a youth sporting event at a City park. Violations are subject to a fine of up to \$500.



8 City Council passed a texting ordinance that bans motorists from using wireless communications devices to view, send or compose electronic messages while driving and when stopped at stop signs and traffic signals. Violations are subject to a fine of up to \$500.

9 City ordinance stipulates where registered sex offenders may reside in the City; it establishes a 2,500-foot buffer zone around parks, schools, swimming pools, recreational facilities and other public places where children gather.

10 City Council approved an ordinance requiring metal recycling and crafted precious metal dealers to obtain a dealer permit from the City. The law allows police officers or Staff to inspect such businesses and requires that all transactions be reported via a web-based database designated by the Police Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

City Council Chambers is being renovated with upgraded production/presentation technology, dais enhancements, lighting, carpeting, seating, paint, signage and art. Improvements are also under way for the City Hall Front Lobby area and features will include new paint, lighting, seating, visual technology and art.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

Missouri City has launched its **Smart City Initiative**, a model used by technologists and economists around the globe to connect a wide variety of related concepts, initiatives and outcomes. **Smart City projects use technology solutions to address everyday issues such as public safety, delivery of city services and communicating with citizens.**

As a Smart City, **Missouri City will offer cost-effective public WiFi, indoor and outdoor electronic kiosks and other technological innovations to make residents' lives easier.** The City has launched a pilot program for wireless access, using City Hall as the primary physical connection. The program will provide valuable data to help implement a **city-wide wireless access solution.** Outdoor, self-service kiosks have been added to improve resident access to City services without in-person contact. The kiosks allow users to get location information and directions, make online payments such as permitting and court fees, and even track their progress when submitting permit applications. **The City kiosks can also be used to communicate important information residents need to know, such as emergency operations updates.**

CIP PROJECTS:



REGIONAL SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

RSWTP Phase 2 Expansion is complete. The contractor is working on a few minor punch list items and is in the process of closing out the project with the contractor and design firm.

Completed



WATERFALL DRIVE

Waterfall Drive is approximately 75% complete and weather permitting the project should be complete by summer 2021.

In Progress



BEAUTIFICATION READER SIGNS

Beautification Reader Signs are approximately 15% complete and weather permitting the project should be complete by summer 2021.

In Progress



MCTX FIRE STATION 6

Fire Station 6 is approximately 20% complete and weather permitting the project should be complete by the first quarter of 2022.

In Progress

OTHER CIP PROJECTS:

Knight Road Extension is currently out to bid and should go to Council for possible construction contract award in May or June 2021. **Park Maintenance Facility** is currently in design phase and should go to bid pending budget and funding this fall 2021.

PROGRESS ON FUTURE MCTX VETERANS MEMORIAL

Veterans Memorial is approximately 10% complete and weather permitting the project should be complete by fall 2021.



ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT CITYWIDE

DISTRICT A

Three Corners Business Park (Three Corner Crossing) | 14715 – 15035 E. Hampton Circle: nine office/warehouse buildings under construction; approximately 163,000-square-foot of flexible use space

Park 8Ninety Phase 5 | Highway 90A, South Cravens Road, Beltway 8: final phase of 127 acre business park

Citypark Logistics Center | Northwest corner, Beltway 8 & Highway 90A: Phase I recently completed to include approximately 521,000-square-foot, cross docked; rear load; flex buildings; Phases II and III in planning stage

Lexington Village | Independence Boulevard and FM 1092: mixed-use development to include 156 townhome dwelling units; approximately 185 multifamily developments; assisted living facility and commercial/retail uses

DISTRICT B

Fort Bend Business Park - Amazon Fulfillment Center | 2303 Hurricane Lane: The retail giant is constructing its fulfillment center in Missouri City, with an expected opening launch in the Fall. The 1-million-square-foot facility will create

more than 1,500 new part-time and full-time jobs with industry-leading pay and comprehensive benefits. The new facility will build on the City's commercial tax base, helping to ease the property tax burden on residents.

Fort Bend Town Center II | Trammel Fresno Road & Highway 6: 42 acres, 300,000-square-foot commercial/retail uses; expected 50,000-square-foot entertainment; 200,000-square-foot retail; and 50,000-square-foot restaurants

DISTRICT C

Tang City Plaza | 4899 Highway 6: commercial/retail condominiums; two two-story buildings completed; three under construction; to include office/retail uses including hotel

Dunkin' Donuts | 6231 Highway 6: now open; only location in the area

Rivergate Shopping Center | 5418 Riverstone Blvd: two new shopping centers; under construction

Brazos Lakes | Highway 6: mixed use development to include single family patio homes; multistory condominium buildings; commercial/retail uses

St. John Church | 6731 Oilfield Rd: historic site; reconstruction of single sanctuary building; under construction

Shopping Center | 6830 Highway 6: 58,000-square-foot shopping center; one of three proposed for development; under construction

FBISD Elementary School 53 | 5503 Thompson Ferry Rd.: new 135,000-square-foot, two-story elementary school to serve the Riverstone master planned community; construction start in 2021 and completion estimated in 2023

DISTRICT D

Oyster Creek Crossing | 8027, 8035, 8215 Highway 6: new shopping centers, approximately five individual buildings; under construction

LifeTime Fitness | 8421 Highway 6: 124,000-square-foot signature fitness facility; under construction

Surepoint Self Storage | 4121 Sienna Pkwy. 107,000-square-foot self-storage space; under construction

Shipmans Cove | Watts Plantation Road: 274 new homes, 2 residential sections, 95.31 +/- acres; under construction



The Amazon project is a win-win collaboration for the E-commerce retailer, Missouri City, Fort Bend County, Lovett Industrial, Alston Construction, Mackenzie, LJA Engineering and Pacific Coast Capital Partners. Amazon was not given any tax incentives or abatements for coming to the City. However, the City did provide inducements through streamlining the permitting process.



CITY FOCUSES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City continues to manage future economic growth and development citywide, leveraging strategic partnerships with investors and builders. Several elite firms and their executives recently met with City Councilmembers and staff and presented them with innovative ideas and projects that would further expand and brand the City's business footprint.



STAY IN THE KNOW

HOW TO CONNECT WITH MCTX



SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Facebook – @MissouriCityTX

Twitter – @MissouriCityTX (main account)

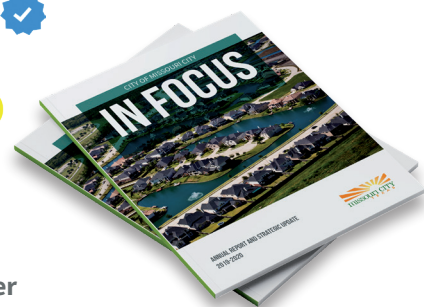
Twitter – @MissouriCityEM (emergency management)

Instagram – @MissouriCityTX

YouTube – showmecity

Snapchat – missouricitytx

Nextdoor



PUBLICATIONS

MCTXPRESS Digital Newsletter

Bi-weekly digital showcase of City news and more

“Show Me” Citizen Newsletter & In Focus: Annual Report & Strategic Update

Printed copy mailed to all residents and businesses

WEBSITES

www.missouricitytx.gov – The main City website

www.missouricityready.com – The emergency management website

www.showmecity.com – The comprehensive plan update website

MCTV

Channel 16 on Comcast

Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse

Livestream on City website



RADIO

WQMN-1690 AM – The City’s radio station

Scan the QR code on top of the page to subscribe to MCTX news and to stay up-to-date on City programs, initiatives, emergency alerts and more.



MEET KELLY MATTE, THE CITY'S HOA LIAISON

Community engagement and partnership continues to be a priority and having a central contact for our community is vital. The City’s HOA Liaison Kelly Matte serves as the link between the City and residents, stakeholders, and businesses. If you need assistance with a community project/concern or would like for a City representative to attend your meeting, please contact Kelly at 281.403.8533 or email Kelly.Matte@missouricitytx.gov.

PARKS & RECREATION



FIGHT THE BITE

As temperatures go up and the region gets more rain, the City is proactively moving to help residents “Fight the Bite.” The strategic mosquito control program is targeted to work toward environmentally friendly control of adult mosquitoes and prevention of breeding sites. **Contractors will spray every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until the first week of November.**

Spraying covers all streets and neighborhoods within City limits, including private streets of communities that have provided a gate code for accessibility by the spray contractor. Residents who have questions or concerns may contact the City at **281.403.8500**.



PARKS ACCREDITATION

The MCTX Parks & Recreation team is pursuing national accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Accreditation is based on compliance with 144 standards, including 36 fundamental standards and at least 85 percent of 108 remaining standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, services, and safety.



FORESTRY PROGRAM

The City’s Parks & Recreation Department started the first municipal Forestry program in Fort Bend County in February 2008. The City Forester and team manages the greenery in City parks and properties as well as oversees several outreach initiatives like the Missouri City Tree Challenge, sponsorships at the Edible Arbor Trail and other partnership opportunities within the community.

The Forestry team can also assist residents with any forestry questions or concerns. Email **forester@missouricitytx.gov** for more details.

www.mctxparks.com

2021 Hurricane Season

GET PREPARED STAY READY

June 1st – November 30th

KEY HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TOPICS



Determine Your Risk: Based on your location, find out what types of wind and water hazards could happen in your area and make a plan now on how to handle them.



Develop an Evacuation Plan: Identify safe locations that are not prone to wind/flood threats that you can shelter in, if there is an evacuation order issued. Remember to account for your pets too, as most local shelters do not permit them. Make sure to put these locations and the plan in writing as well.



Assemble Disaster Supplies: Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of three days. Also, remember to include extra cash, battery-powered radios, flashlights, batteries, maps, cell phones, chargers and other important documents.



Get an Insurance Checkup: Ensure that you have proper insurance coverage for your home, cars and boats. Standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding; check with your insurance company/agent or the National Flood Insurance Program at [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) now if you think coverage is needed. Flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period.



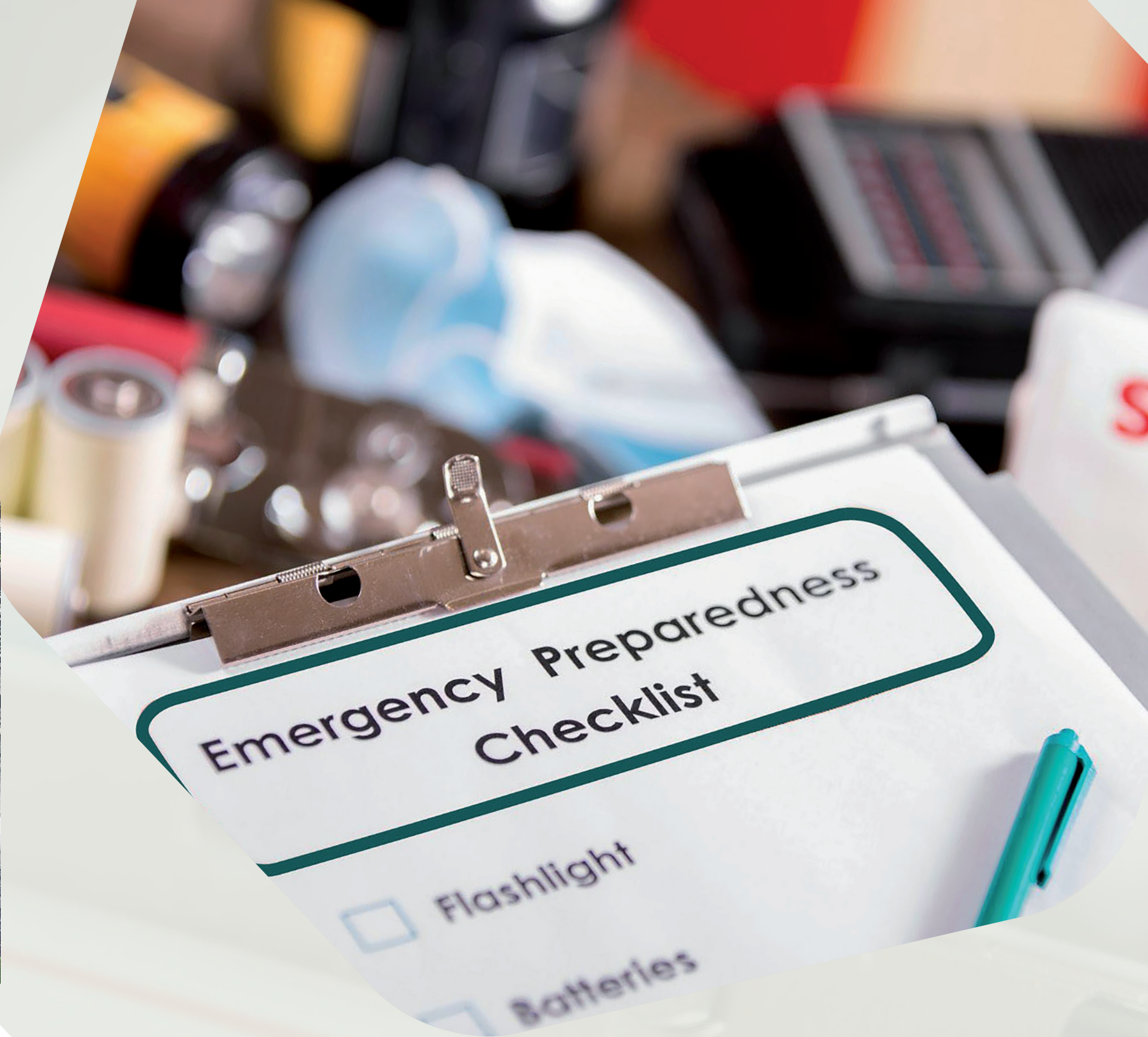
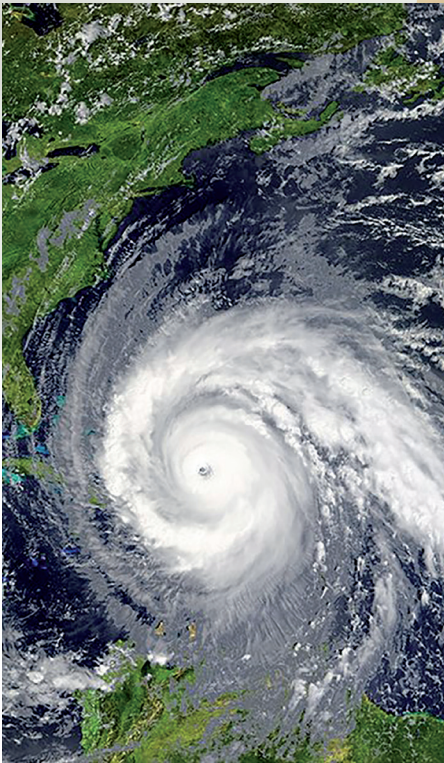
Strengthen Your Home: Make sure to trim trees that are too close to homes ahead of a storm. And, remember to secure loose objects that are outside, move vehicles to a safe location without blocking the streets and board up windows/doors including garage doors with proper plywood, steel or aluminum panels once there is a storm approaching.



Help Your Neighbor: Check on your neighbors and share the importance of preparing ahead of time, collecting supplies before the storm, assisting with evacuation if needed and checking-in after the storm passes.



Complete a Written Plan: Take the time now to write down your hurricane plan and share it with your family. Know where you will ride out the storm and get your supplies. Don't forget to keep all your important documents together for quick access and have photo documentation of all valuables.



OUR FIRST RESPONDERS STAND READY TO
RESPOND TO ANY WEATHER EMERGENCY OR
CRISIS 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

- MAYOR ROBIN J. ELACKATT

www.missouricityready.com



NEW FIRE CHIEF HONORED TO SERVE

The City announced on Monday, April 5 that Mario Partida, a distinguished public service veteran, is the new MCTX Fire & Rescue Services Chief.

CHIEF MARIO PARTIDA

Partida, who has been acting Fire Chief since November, 2020, brings 26 years' of experience in fire operations and support services to the executive public safety role and he will be vital in managing new processes, especially as it relates to the adoption of new business procedures, technologies and fire safety methods.

Chief Partida who was selected as part of a national search has provided exceptional leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the winter storm in February.

As Fire Chief, **Partida will oversee 78 employees and be responsible for a \$9,128,262 departmental budget.**

"I am honored and thankful for this opportunity and the City Manager's and

*Council's support in leading this incredible team of professionals. Some of my priorities include streamlining internal processes, implementing the recently adopted Civil Service model, enhancing diverse and local recruiting efforts, increasing support in our Fire Marshal's Office, and engaging more citizens through our neighborhood fire stations" said **Fire Chief Mario Partida.** "I will be working closely with all department employees to establish a vision and strategic plan to prepare for the future of the Fire Service with proactive and innovative services that focus on Missouri City citizens' needs."*

In addition to his fire expertise, Partida has extensive professional development credentials, including being a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Master Firefighter, Fire Officer I and II,

Instructor I and II, Certified Hazardous Materials Technician, and Certified Aircraft Firefighter; an author of the Texas Fire Chief Fall/Winter 2010 Edition "Internal Investigations, Making a Case", and a Healthy and Safety Officer—Fire Department Safety Officers Association.

He is a member of the San Jacinto Incident Management Response Team, a National Incident Management System—All Hazards Operations Section Chief, a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a member of the Texas Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Partida succeeds Eugene Campbell Jr., who retired on Jan. 1, 2021.

To learn more about Chief Partida, visit the City website.

MCTX FIRE STATION 6 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The construction of the approximately 16,752-square-foot two-story Fire Station 6 and Fire Department Administration structure is under way. On March 24, 2021, Council, staff and project partners officially broke ground at the location in Parks Edge subdivision off of Lake Olympia Parkway.

The new station will provide increased efficiency to the area, improve response travel times for Fire & Rescue Services, and include Administrative offices that will provide much-needed capacity in support

of City services. The estimated construction cost is \$5,111,684 and completion is expected by the first quarter of 2022.



www.missouricitypolice.org
www.missouricityfirerescue.org

CIVIL SERVICE

Staff is in the process of constructing the rules for the new Civil Service System that are compliant with Chapter 143. Once finalized, they will be presented to the 3-member citizen-led Civil Service Commission for adoption.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CIVIL SERVICE?

According to State law, the purpose of the civil service law is to "secure efficient fire and police departments composed of capable personnel who are free from political influence and who have permanent employment tenure as public servants."

HOW WAS THE MCTX CIVIL SERVICE LAW ADOPTED?

The civil service law was adopted by 81.97 percent of voters who cast ballots in the Nov. 3, 2020 General and Special Election.

HOW IS THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The System is being implemented through the City's new Civil Service Commission, which consists of three residents: Wanda Johnson, Jacqueline Watson and Gregory Williams. The citizens were appointed by the City Manager's office and confirmed by City Council Members at their Monday, Dec. 21 Regular Virtual Meeting. Johnson will serve a 3-year-term, Watson will serve a 2-year term and Williams will serve a 1-year term. The commissioners will serve staggered three (3)-year terms with the term of one member expiring each year.

DID CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR FIRE-FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS CHANGE WITH CIVIL SERVICE?

Yes; the System places firefighters and police officers under a different set of personnel rules than other Missouri City employees. The rules will be implemented by the Commission.

WILL CIVIL SERVICE HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE CITY'S BUDGET?

Yes.



MCTX PROUD: FIVE MCPD OFFICERS RECEIVE "LIFE SAVING AWARD"

Congratulations Officer Henry Arrizola, Officer Roderick Yeldell, Officer Evelio Saucedo, Officer Carlos Castillo and Officer Stevie Flores on the recent "Life Saving Award" achievement they earned for excellence in public service.

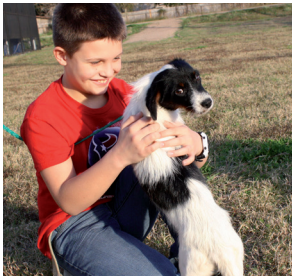
Officer Arrizola saved a drowning suspect, Officer Yeldell saved a 67-year-old unconscious individual and Officers Saucedo, Castillo and Flores saved two gunshot victims to receive this recognition.

The dedication and commitment of MCPD officers like them makes Missouri City one of the safest cities in the country.



MCPD VACATION HOUSE WATCH

To assist residents with home security while away, MCPD offers a Vacation House Watch program. For details and to register, visit www.missouricitypolice.org



REGISTER & MICROCHIP YOUR PETS

Per City ordinance all dogs and cats over the age of four (4) months must be vaccinated every year for rabies and be registered with Missouri City Animal Services. Pet registration is now available online, please email animalservices@missouricitytx.gov to initiate the process. Residents can also microchip their pets at the Animal Shelter located on 1923 Scanlin Road. Interested residents must make an appointment by calling **281.403.8707**; cost is \$20.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday Night Flicks

Fridays @ 6:30 p.m.
Community Park, 1700 Glenn Lakes Lane

Outdoor Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.
Recreation & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr.

Intro to Kayaking Workshop

May 15 @ 9 a.m.
Buffalo Run Park, 1122 Buffalo Run Rd.

Dad & Daughter Dance: Boots & Bows

May 22 @ 6 p.m.
Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Blood Drive

May 24 @ 9 a.m.
Recreation & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr.

Summer Day Camp

June 14 – August 6
Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy.

Details: Registration is now open for the 2021 Summer Day Camp for kids ages 6 through 12. Participants will enjoy safe weekly camps with group games, field trips, special presentations, science experiments, arts/crafts, indoor gym and more. Staff has also planned specialty camps like:

Dance Camp

July 12 (ages 5-8) July 19 (ages 9-12)
Recreation & Tennis Center, 2701 Cypress Point Dr.

Outdoor Explorers Camp

July 19-23 and July 26-30
Buffalo Run Park, 1122 Buffalo Run Rd.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited for these camps. For more information and to register, visit www.mctxparks.com.

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